

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2018

Happy Easter Everyone!

We are now coming to the end of our second term here at school and what a busy term it has been. The children have taken parts in lots of different exciting activities including World Book Day, Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds Week and lots of concerts and parent assemblies to name just a few! All of the children and staff have worked so hard throughout the term and truly do deserve a well-earned rest. On behalf of everyone at Templemoor I wish you all a Happy Easter, and fingers crossed for some sunny spring weather!

World Book Day

Despite the snowy weather, World Book Day was a huge success this year with children and staff displaying their love of reading by dressing up as their favourite book characters! We had 'Wizards, Witches and Willy Wonkers' as well as wonderful 'Red Riding Hoods', dragons and knights. Children took part in a range of activities dedicated to books as well as a special story time where the staff at school all chose their favourite books and the children could choose which book to listen to. Thank you to all the grown-ups who helped their

children to be creative with their costumes and celebrate their love of reading.



The Princess and the Pea

We were lucky enough to be one of only two schools in Trafford to be selected to attend an interactive performance of The Princess and the Pea by acclaimed children's composer Sue Nicholls and Hilary Miles. The children in our Reception classes joined 1,000 school children from across the north west to take part in the event which re-told the timeless story, accompanied by live musicians. The concert was certainly an exciting musical opportunity for our children to experience. The children and staff attending the event looked amazing dressed up in outfits fitting for the telling of this well-known traditional tale!

Class Photographs

Smile please! The school photographer will be in school to take class photographs on Thursday 26th April 2018. These are a perfect memento of your child's time in their current year group and a one that they will treasure forever.





Year 2 Ukulele Concert

This term all of the children in Year 2 have been learning how to play the ukulele. The children have learnt how to look after their instruments as well as how to strum notes and play simple songs. At the end of the project the children performed in an amazing concert, which demonstrated their hard work and commitment to learning an instrument. Thank you to Mrs Shepherd from Trafford Music Service who taught the children so much, but a huge well done to all of our Year 2 children who showed a great level of commitment and enjoyed this fantastic opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

Reception Singing Concert

Last week the children in Reception performed in a wonderful concert where they showcased the magnificent work they have been doing with their music teacher Mr McMinn. The children amazed us with their beautiful singing and the way that they played a range of percussion instruments. They were all so confident and made us so proud. Well done Reception, we definitely have some pop stars in the making!

Year 1 Music Lessons

After the Easter holidays the children in Year 1 will be taught music by a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service. The children will learn to play the drums with Miss McPheely. The lessons will run for one term with the Year 1 project finishing with a special concert in the school hall for parents and carers on the morning of Friday



13th July 2018. The exact time of the concert will be sent out after the holidays.

Year 2 Recorder Concert

The Year 2 children, who currently play the recorder, performed in a special concert for parents and carers a couple of weeks ago. The children performed brilliantly. A huge thank you must go to Miss Smith who teaches the children every Wednesday lunchtime, and of course to our marvellous recorder playing Year 2 children. Well done everyone! The next recorder concert will be on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 2:30pm.



Singing Club

Our Singing Club is made up of children from Y1 and Y2 and is led by Mrs Peacock, a teacher from Trafford Music Service. Singing Club meets every Tuesday after school and enthusiastically learn a range of songs. This week we were lucky enough to listen to our wonderful children singing the songs that they have been learning. The children certainly knew how to fill the hall with song and sang in perfect harmony. Well done children!

The Spring (or Snow) Trail!

I would like to thank the Friends of Templemoor for their continuing hard work on behalf of us all. They gave up their time to organise the Templemoor Spring Trail on Sunday 18th March, which was very well attended and was great fun too. The children enjoyed following the clues (even in the snow!), which led them back to school for a well earned medal, cake and a drink! We raised an amazing £244. Fantastic work everyone!



Summer Uniform

Children can wear our summer uniform after the Easter holidays. Boys can wear **grey** shorts and girls may wear **green** gingham dresses if they wish. Black shoes remain part of school uniform in the summer and please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day due to the unpredictable Manchester weather!

Parents and Carers Meetings

Thank you for attending our recent Parents' Evenings this term. As always almost every parent and carer came along to meet with the class teachers and to have a look at the children's work. We hope you found the sessions informative. I am sure that you were impressed by the work the children have done and by the progress that every child has made – the school was certainly full of very proud children the next day.

Spring Term Attendance

As you all know, it is very important that children attend school at all times. The Government considers 95% attendance to be satisfactory but it

is important that we aim to make it the best we can. Despite having a chicken pox outbreak, our whole school attendance for the Spring term is 96.3%. Well done!

Lost Property

We have rather a large amount of lost property that has accumulated in school. Please make sure your children's belongings are named – it does not make them any more difficult to lose but it does make it much easier for them to be returned to their rightful owner! If you think your child may have left something in school please encourage them to look for it.

Topics for the Summer Term

The children have a lot to look forward to next half term. The topics are:

Nursery - How many pebbles on a beach?

Reception - Are we there yet?

Year 1 - Paws, Claws and Whiskers.

Year 2 - Wriggle and Crawl.

Reception Cake Sale

Our next delicious cake sale will be on Friday 4th May, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some tasty cakes. The last cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 7th May 2018 due to the May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds Week

The week beginning the 5th March was Templemoor's very first 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds' week when we devoted the whole week to an exciting range of activities that promoted health and well-being. We contacted a wide range of people (including parents and those in the local community) to come into school and deliver a huge variety of workshops.



The workshops were:

Outdoor Learning with We are Adventurers.

Yoga with Catherine Harrison.

Zumba with Becky Roberts.

Football with Tristan Mackay from Sale United.

Games sessions with Mr Bates our PE coach.

A visit from a dentist, Mrs Myddleton.

A visit from our school nurse, Judith Ackerman.

A visit from a health visitor, Tasha Barker.



Nicky Geddes, from Kiddy Cook, also came in to school to make fruit couscous and banana cake with the children and the Year 6 children from Moorlands Junior School visited our Year 2 children to talk to them about sports at Moorlands. The children also completed a range of Growth Mindset tasks with our learning hero, Tough Tortoise and completed some random acts of kindness, which are displayed on our fabulous 'Kindness Tree' in the school hall. The staff also took part in a staff meeting led by a mindfulness coach.



The children loved taking part in the weeks activities. This is what some of them said...

"I liked the football because it was great exercise and I love Manchester United". (Aswin - Year 2)

"I loved making banana bread. My whole family liked eating it, except for my little sister!" (Evie - Year 2)

"Zumba was great because you could dance to the songs". (April - Year 1)

"I was interested in the Sugar Shocker assembly. I enjoyed hearing about how much sugar is actually in the food. There is a lot of sugar in Coco Pops". (Oliver - Year 1)

"I really liked yoga. I learnt all about the special yoga pose. The banana pose is my favourite". (Noah S - Reception)

"I liked the dentist. She told us that you have to get an adult to help you brush your teeth. I now help my little sister to brush her teeth well!" (Amelia - Reception)



Well done to all of the staff and children for making our first Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds week so successful, and a huge thank you must also go to Mrs Brown who organised the whole week.

New Staffing

After the Easter holidays we are delighted to welcome our new Teaching Assistant Mrs Toni

Phoenix to Templemoor. Mrs Phoenix will be working in Reception and has a vast range of experience working in Early Years. We look forward to Mrs Phoenix joining the team.



Chester University Students

We also welcome two trainee teachers to Templemoor, Miss Grocutt, who is working in Class 3, and Miss Parsonage, who is working in Reception Bees. Both teachers are on their final teaching practice and are with us until July. We know that Templemoor will give them excellent teaching experience before they have a class of their own in the future!

Summer Term Sports Clubs

We are excited to announce that we are once again working with The PE and Sports Hub to provide after school sports clubs to the children in Years 1 and 2 in the summer term. Further details have been sent home to parents.



We also ran a competition to design a poster, highlighting all of the super things that we had learnt about during our Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds week. We had so many amazing entries, that Mr Bates, our Sports Coach, had an extremely tricky job of judging the entries and choosing just three winners. After looking at the entries very carefully Mr Bates finally chose the three winners, who each received vouchers for Oxygen Freejumping and a certificate. We were so impressed with all of the entries though that we have displayed them all in the school hall. Why not stop and have a look at them the next time you are in school.



Spring Term Fundraising

From Burns Night celebrations through to Swishing, the list of events and activities this term to raise money for Templemoor has resulted in raising £2243! We are grateful to everyone involved in all of the events, particularly those who braved the freezing conditions for the Spring Trail!

Fundraising events this term have included Burns Night (£450), Stampastic (£290), Swishing (£457), Mother's Day Gift Shop (£407), Pantomime Auction (£20), Cake Sales x3! (£375), and the Spring Trail (£244).

Previous fundraising has enabled us to recently provide:

Music lessons for all year groups
Brazil Carnival Workshop for Year 1
Bus to the Pantomime for Reception children
Storage Shed



TESCO Bag Packing

We are very excited to Invite Year 2 children to help us with a new fundraising opportunity for 2018! We are lucky to have been allocated a bag packing day, assisting shoppers at Tesco's in Sale. The event will take place on Saturday 21st April at Tesco in Sale from 10:00am - 4:00pm and each volunteer pupil will be allocated a 1 hour slot during the day.

If you and your child are available to help please complete and return the permission slip in your child's book bag.

Life on the PTA

Ruth, a busy working mum of two has shared a few words about her time on the committee of FoT!

"Any mother could perform the jobs of several air traffic controllers with ease" Like most of the Templemoor parents, life is a constant juggling act... work, two young children and the constant chaos of domesticity! I wasn't sure I would be of much use to the PTA with the limited time I have left in my week but, to be honest, an occasional meeting in the Legh Arms, after the children are tucked up in bed, is a nice break from the norm. Whilst I can't offer to man the cake sale in the day, or run errands through the week, the help I can offer is always gratefully received by the team. Plus it helps reduce the burden of those who do more! Dashing back from a meeting in London to run the Christmas bottle tombola, cooking excessive quantities of stovies and a few late night baking sessions are definitely worth it when you see the fantastic things the money raised helps to fund! Ruth (mum to Poppy and Sam)

If you would like to see how you can get involved our next meeting will be on 24th April at 7pm, please come along, share your thoughts and see what you can add to our PTA!

Penny Drive

There's still time to dig down the back of your sofa for any loose change for the Penny Drive. The aim of the Penny Drive is to raise funds for the Easter hunt and for the class that collects the most coins they will receive a trophy! All children will also receive an Easter egg. To contribute to the Penny Drive, you or your child can pop any loose change into a collection box in their classroom.

And Finally...

Full details of all of our fundraising partners can be found at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/templemoorfot> along with all of our upcoming events, information and news. Many thanks to everyone for your support, big and small.

Easter Holiday Dates

School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Wednesday 28th March 2018 and opens again for the Summer term on Monday 16th April 2018.

Parking

Yet again we have issues with unsafe and inconsiderate parking. Please **do not park** on Nursery Close. The school is doing all that it can to tackle this ongoing issue, including communicating regularly with the Police. Our neighbours in Nursery Close are fed up with dangerous parking and overcrowding in the cul-de-sac. May we also remind you not to block our neighbours drives with your cars. We appeal again for all parents proactive support to keep all our children safe. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Made with Hope

A huge thank you to those families who have donated £1 as part of the Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds Week. Every single penny of the money raised will go to the charity 'Made with Hope'. So far we have raised £94. The founder of the 'Made in Hope' charity, Eleanor will be coming in to school on Thursday 19th April to talk to the children about the amazing work that they do. If you would like to donate £1, you still have time. Please send donations to the school office. Thank you for your support.

A message from the Governors



I have been a Governor at Templemoor for over 12 years and have been involved in many exciting changes over the years. In addition I have experience of having been a Parent Governor for numerous years at another Sale school which my 2 sons attended.

I am a trained teacher and taught for many years in a small village primary school, teaching children

from Reception to Year 2 in one class. This certainly tested my organisational skills as I planned for and taught all 3 age groups!

At Templemoor I am employed as an HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant). My main role here is as Phonics Manager. I am passionate about teaching children to read and believe that one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is to instil a love of and enthusiasm for reading. The ability to read opens up the whole world to children, fosters their imagination and allows them to access all other areas of the school curriculum.

As well as my role as Phonics Manager, I also cover classes whilst teachers have their planning and preparation time. This means that I have the privilege of teaching in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and, as most of the children at Templemoor know, my favourite task is reading and sharing stories with the children.

I have always enjoyed every teaching job I've had and I feel very lucky to be working in such a friendly, warm, caring school that is Templemoor. Your children are a joy to know and to teach.

My role as a Governor enables me to use my educational expertise in order to support this wonderful school. Have a wonderful Easter break.

Mrs Sue Buckley (Co-opted Governor)

Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 28th March 2018	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter holiday at 3:15pm
Monday 16th April 2018	Back to school for the Summer Term
Thursday 19th April 2018	Science Day for Years 1 and 2 Reception Trip to Manchester Airport
Friday 20th April 2018	Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo
Saturday 21st April 2018	Year 2 Bag Packing Day at Tesco
Tuesday 24th April 2018	Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7pm
Thursday 26th April 2018	Class Photographs
Friday 4th May 2018	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 7th May 2018	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Week Beginning 14th May 2018	Year 2 SATs week
Wednesday 23rd May 2018	Nursery Trip to St Annes
Friday 25th May 2018	Year 1 Assembly at 9am School Breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 11th June 2018	Back to school for the last part of the summer term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Friday 15th June 2018	Fathers Day Secret Gift Shop
Wednesday 20th June 2018 and Thursday 21st June 2018	Year 2 Trip to Chirk Castle
Friday 22nd June 2018	Cool Down Fridays ice lolly sales start
Thursday 28th June 2018	New Reception Parents Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 3rd July 2018	New Nursery Parents Meeting
Wednesday 4th July 2018	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:30pm
Thursday 5th July 2018	Reception Assembly at 9am
Saturday 7th July 2018	The Summer Fair
Monday 9th July 2018	The Moorlands Orchestra are visiting Templemoor

Friday 13th July 2018	Year 1 Little Drummers Concert
Wednesday 25th July 2018	Year 2 Leavers Disco at 5pm
Thursday 26th July 2018	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9am School Breaks up for the Summer Holiday

Summer Term 2018

Opens	Monday 16th April 2018
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 7th May 2018
Closes	Friday 25th May 2018
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Closes	Thursday 26th July 2018